

STATISTICS FROM LABOUR FORCE AND SUPPLEMENTARY SURVEYS

USERS' GUIDE

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About this guide

This users' guide will help you gain a basic understanding of the statistics available from the ABS Labour Force Survey program.

The program is designed to produce basic labour force statistics on employment and unemployment. It also yields a wide range of demographic, social, and education statistics as well as an extensive array of in-depth labour data.

Contents

This Users' Guide:

- . contains information about the nature of the Labour Force Survey and related Supplementary surveys;
- . itemises the publications flowing from the program of surveys, and associated reference publications;
- . lists the data items collected for each topic in the program; and
- . describes how to obtain unpublished output from these surveys (as special tables, microfiche, floppy disk etc.)

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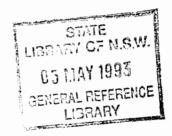
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Comments

This guide is designed as a reference document which will remain current for several years, although it will be updated as program content and data services change. The ABS would welcome any comments about the guide and/or suggestions for improvements. Please write to the Director, Labour Force Section at the above address.

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What is the Labour Force Survey?

Official statistics

Statistics from the monthly ABS Labour Force survey provide Australia's official measures of unemployment and employment.

Sample survey

The ABS Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a monthly household survey of approximately 30,000 private dwellings and non-private residences (covering about three-fifths of one percent of Australia's population). The surveys are conducted over a two week period each month by a staff of specially trained interviewers.

Labour force estimates are derived from a standard set of questions asked each month (with industry/occupation sought every third month).

In most months, additional questions (which are usually labour force related) are included for **Supplementary** topics. These topics vary each month.

Frequency

Basic Labour Force data (employment and unemployment) is published monthly. (Information about industry and occupation data is published every third month, in February, May, August & November.)

Most Supplementary topics are collected annually, usually referenced to a given month. A number of topics are collected at two, three or four yearly intervals.

Scope

The monthly LFS aims to cover persons of working age (15 years and over) who are civilians, usually resident in Australia. Excluded from the survey are:

- members of the permanent defence forces;
- diplomatic personnel of overseas governments;
- overseas residents in Australia; and
- members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia

Supplementary topics may also have topic-related exclusions.

Key LFS data

Employment
Unemployment rate
Participation rate
Hours worked

Duration of unemployment

Industry Occupation

Major Labour Force Publications

Australia

The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (6202.0)

These preliminary monthly results are released fourteen days after interviewing is completed.

The Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary floppy disk (6271.0) Preliminary monthly results on floppy disk.

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)

Final monthly results, released before the end of following calendar month.

The Labour Force, Australia: Historical Summary, 1978 – 1989 Irregular (6204.0)

An historical summary of the labour force

Labour Statistics, Australia, 1989 Annual (6101.0)
Includes statistics from both Employer and (household) Labour Force surveys.

Labour Force Projections, Australia, 1992 – 2005 (6260.0) Contains the first ABS Australian labour force projections.

State

These State publications are published *quarterly* and may include **regional** data:

The Labour Force, New South Wales (6201.1)

The Labour Force, Victoria (6202.2)

The Labour Force, Queensland (6201.3)

Labour Force, South Australia (6201.4)

Tasmanian Statistical Indicators Monthly (1303.6)

Labour Force data items

These data items are available for all Labour force surveys and supplementary topics.

Data from the Labour Force Survey is available on the following bases:

Original (unadjusted)

Seasonally adjusted—available for Australia and the States: labour force status by selected demographic characteristics Trend (*smoothed seasonally adjusted*) — availability as for seasonally adjusted series

State/ Territory New South Wales

Victoria

Queensland South Australia Western Australia

Tasmania

Northern Territory

Australian Capital Territory

Area

Metropolitan (capital city)

Non-metropolitan (rest of State)

Region

Standard labour force regions (see pages 40 - 41)

Sex

Males

Females

Marital status

Married

Not-married

Family status (1) Member of a family

Husband or wife

With dependents present Without dependents present

Sole parent

Other family head

Full-time student aged 15 - 24

(excludes those aged 20 - 24 attending school)

Other child (aged 15 and over) of married couple or family head

Other relative of married couple or family head

Not a member of a family

Living alone Not living alone

Family status not determined

Continued

Labour Force data items -continued

Family status (2) Member of a family

Husband or wife

With children aged 0 - 14 present Without children aged 0 - 14 present

Sole parent

With children aged 0 - 14 present Without children aged 0 - 14 present

Other family head

Full-time student aged 15 - 24

(excludes those aged 20 - 24 attending school)

Other child (aged 15 and over) of married couple or family head

Other relative of married couple or family head

Not a member of a family

Living alone Not living alone

Family status not determined

Family Type

Number of family members

Number of children aged 0 - 14 present in household

Number of dependant children present

Labour force status of husband, wife or family head Family status of the civilian population aged 15 & over

Birthplace and

Born in Australia

period of arrival Born outside Australia

Arrived 1961 - 1970 Arrived 1971 - 1980 Arrived 1981 - 1990 Arrived 1991 to date

Birthplace (1)

Born in Australia

Born outside Australia

Born in main English speaking countries

(UK, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, USA and New Zealand)

Born in other countries

Continued

Labour Force data items –continued

Dirtiiplace (2)	Usea in surveys from Apr	น 1991							
	Born in Australia								
	Born outside Australia								
	Oceania								
	New Zealand								
	Europe and the USSR								
	Germany								
	Greece	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
	Italy								
	Netherlands								
	UK and Ireland								
	Yugoslavia								
	•	The Middle East and North Africa							
	Lebanon								
	Southeast Asia								
	Malaysia								
	Philippines								
	Viet Nam								
	Northeast Asia								
	China								
	The Americas								
	Other (includes Souther	m Asia & A	Africa excl. North Africa)						
	India		,						
٨٥٥	15 10								
Age	15 - 19 20 - 24	N 7 - 4	4						
	20 - 24 25 - 34	Note:	Age groups may vary						
	25 - 54 35 - 44		depending on the specific						
	45 - 54		survey topic.						
	55 - 59		Data for single ages may be						
	60 - 64		compiled on request.						
	65 and over								
	os and over								
Educational	School attendance								
	Year and month left school								
	Full-time tertiary education	al institutio	on attendance						
Continued									

Labour Force data items -continued

Labour force

Labour force status

(employed/unemployed/not in the labour force)
Unemployment rate(unemployed to labour force)
Participation rate (labour force to civilian population)

Employed

Industry of employment (ASIC 3 digit level)

Occupation of employment (ASCO from August 1986)

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self-employed/

unpaid family helper)

Full-time/part-time status of employment

Hours worked last week

Average weekly hours worked last week

Preference for working more hours (for part-time workers only) Reason for working less than 35 hours last week (e.g. holidays.

illness)

Unemployed

Whether looking for full-time or part-time work

Reason for ceasing last full-time job

Industry of last job (for those unemployed persons who had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years)

Occupation of employment (for those unemployed persons who had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years)

Reason not available to start work in reference week

Duration of unemployment

Average (mean) duration of unemployment

Median duration of unemployment Active steps taken to find work Whether looking for first job

Whether stood down

Not in the labour force

Whether looking for work

Supplementary Surveys Program, 1991 - 1995

	1991	1992	1993 (c)	1994 (c)	1995 (c)
January	-	-	-	-	•
February	Labour mobility Labour force status and Educational attainment	Labour mobility Labour force status and Educational attainment	Career experience Labour force status and Educational attainment	Labour mobility Labour force status and Educational attainment	Working arrangements Labour force status and educational attainment
March	Labour force experience	Labour force experience Persons employed at home	Labour force experience Culture-leisure employment	Labour force experience Environmental behaviour and attitudes	Labour force experience Persons employed at home
April	Persons who have left the labour force	Home production of fruit and vegetables (a)	Crime victims (a)	Persons who have left the labour force	(a)
May	Transition from education to work Underemployed workers	Transition from education to work Environmental issues	Transition from education to work Persons who had re-entered the labour force	Transition from education to work Underemployed workers	Transition from education to work Career experience
June	Job search experience of unemployed persons Culture-leisure industry	Health insurance	Child care	Health insurance	
July	Weekly earnings of employees Employment benefits Multiple jobholding	Job search experience of unemployed persons Successful and unsuccessful Job search experience	Job search experience of unemployed persons Rental investors or rental tenants	Job search experience of unemployed persons Successful and unsuccessful Job search experience	Job search experience of unemployed persons Part-time workers
August	(b)	Weekly earnings of employees Employment benefits Trade union membership	Weekly earnings of employees Absences from work Working arrangements	Weekly earnings of employees Employment benefits Trade union membership	Weekly earnings of employees Multiple jobholding
September	Persons not in the labour force Educational attendance	Persons not in the labour force Educational attendance	Persons not in the labour force Educational attendance LF status and other characteristics of migrants	Persons not in the labour force Educational attendance	Persons not in the labour force Educational attendance
October	State supplementary topics	Persons who intend to retire from full-time work Persons who have retired from full-time work	State supplementary topics	State supplementary topics	State supplementary topics
November	Superannuation	State supplementary topics	Superannuation	Persons who intend to retire from full-time work Persons who have retired from full-time work	Superannuation
December	•	•	-	-	-

⁽a) Survey affected by Easter Holiday. (b) No Supplementary surveys due to the Census Post Enumeration Survey. (c) Provisional program, to be confirmed.

Program of Surveys 1980 - 1995

TOPIC	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Absences From Work		•												x		
Annual and Long Service Leave Taken					x	•				X	•				•	
Apprentices		•		x	Х		•	•		•	•					•
Career Experience		•				•					•			x		х
Career Paths of Persons With Trade Qualifications	•	•	S	•	•	•	•	•	•	S	•	•	•	•		•
Career Paths of Qualified Nurses	•			•		•				s						
Child Care	X				X			x			х				:	
Labour Force Status and Educational Attainment	x	X	X	х	x	х	x	X	X	X	x	X	x	X	X	X
Participation in Education							•		х	x	X	x	X	x	X	x
Employment Benefits		•		x	X	х	x	х	х	x	x	х	х	•	x	•
How Workers Get Their Training		_	_	_						s						
Intentions to Leave the Labour Force				•		X										
Internal Migration	X	X	x	x	X	x	X	X								
Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons	x	X	х	x	x	X	X		X		x	X	х	x	х	X
Labour Force Experience	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	•	•	
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics																
of Migrants					x			X			х			x		
Labour Mobility	x	x	X	X	х	X	х	x	X	x	х	x	X		x	
Multiple Jobholding		х	•	X		X	•	X		•		X				, X
Part-time Workers	•			•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•		X
Persons Employed at Home	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	x	•	•	X	•	•	x
Persons Not in the Labour Force	х	x	x	x	x	x	x	х	x	x	х	х	x	x	x	x
Persons Who Have Left the Labour Force		•		x	X		X		X			X			x	
Persons Who have Retired from Full-time Work	X			X			x		•	X	•		X.		x	•
Re-entrants to the Labour Force	•		•		•	X		x	•		X		•		•	•
Retired Persons	•	•	•	•	•	X	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Retirement Intentions		•			х		х			х			х		х	
Successful & Unsuccessful Job Search Experience		•	х				X				X		X		х	
Superannuation	•		S				•		X			X				
Trade Union Membership				•	•	•	X	•	х		X		X	•	X	•
Transition from Education to Work	x	x	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	х
Underemployed Workers						x			x			x			x	
Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution)	X	X	x	x	x	X	x	X	X	X	X	X	x	x	X	X
Working Arrangements	•	•	•	•			s	•		•	•		•	х	•	X

x - monthly labour force supplementary survey
s - special supplementary survey
Note: Details of surveys conducted prior to 1988 not necessarily included in this booklet. Contact officers listed on the inside of the front cover for information regarding these historical surveys.

Supplementary topics - Publications

Catalogue number and titles of publications produced from the Supplementary Surveys program.

Data from the supplementary surveys is available only on an original (unadjusted) basis.

6206.0	Labour force experience
6209.0	Labour mobility
6216.0	Multiple jobholding
6220.0	Persons not in the labour force
6222.0	Job search experience of unemployed persons
6224.0	Labour force status and other characteristics of families
6227.0	Transition from education to work
6235.0	Labour force status and educational attainment
6238.0	Retirement and retirement intentions
6243.0	Career paths of persons with trade qualifications
6245.0	Successful & unsuccessful job search experience
6250.0	Labour force status and other characteristics of migrants
6264.0	Persons who had re-entered the labour force
6265.0	Underemployed workers
6267.0	Persons who have left the labour force
6272.0	Participation in education
6275.0	Persons employed at home
6277.0	Career paths of qualified nurses
6278.0	How workers get their training
6310.0	Weekly earnings of employees (distribution)
6317.0	Annual & long service leave taken
6319.0	Superannuation
6325.0	Trade union members
6334.0	Employment benefits
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Supplementary topics - Data items

In the following pages, details of data items in various survey topics are listed. The publications for these topics contain a summary of the data available. A wide range of more detailed data is available - see pages 38-39 for details.

Publication Labour force experience, Australia (6206.0)

Annual; latest issue March 1991 (released 8/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it excluded persons aged 70 years or more, visitors to private dwellings, students who were boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums & inmates of reformatories, gaols etc.

Data items

Current details

Standard labour force items (see page 4)
Labour force status
Full-time / part-time status

Labour force experience during the year

Activities during the year

Whether

- in the labour force at some time
- worked at some time
- looked for work at some time
- ceased a job

Main activity when not in the labour force Full-time / part-time status

Duration of activities

Time spent during the year

- in the labour force
- not in the labour force
- working
- looking for work
- in part-time work

Duration of current period of looking for work

Other

Number of jobs held during the year Number of spells of looking for work during Publication Labour mobility, Australia (6209.0)

Annual; latest issue February 1992 (released 7/92)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it excluded persons aged 70 years or more, visitors to private dwellings, students who were boarding at school, patients in hospitals and sanatoriums & inmates of reformatories, gaols etc.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4) Educational attainment

Current job

Labour force status

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)

Full-time /part-time status

Duration

Occupation

Industry

Last job / job held 12 months ago

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)

Full-time /part-time status

Duration (available for last job only)

Occupation

Industry

Job change from last job to current job / Job change from job 12 mths ago to current job

Labour force status

Industry

Occupation

Occupation change from last job to current job / Occupation change from job 12 mths ago to current job

Occupation major group Occupation minor group

Occupation unit group

Industry division

Industry subdivision

Industry group

Other

Number of employers or businesses during year

Number of changes in locality during year

Reason changed locality

Reason for ceasing last job

Job mobility (ie. changes in location or employer in the 12 month period)

Place of usual residence 12 months ago

Publication Multiple jobholding, Australia (6216.0)

Irregular; latest issue July 1991

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except it was restricted to persons who were employed, excluding unpaid family helpers and persons who worked solely for payment in kind.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Main job details

Occupation
Industry
Full-time/part time status
Employment status of worker
Hours worked
Weekly earnings
Permanent or casual
Sector (public/private)
Size of location (number of employees)

Second job details

Occupation
Industry
Employment status of worker
Hours worked
Weekly earnings
Whether worked in second job in reference week

All job details

Full-time/part-time status
Hours worked
Weekly earnings
Multiple jobholder employment status

Note: To be classified as a multiple jobholder a person must be an employee (wage and salary earner) in at least one of their jobs.

Persons not in the labour force

Publication Persons not in the labour force, Australia (6220.0)

Annual; latest issue September 1991 (released 2/92)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons not in the labour force aged 15 to 69. Institutionalised persons and boarding school pupils have also been excluded.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Last job details

Time since Reason for ceasing Occupation Status of worker (w

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper) Full-time/part-time status

Work preferences

Whether wanted to work
Intention to look for work in the next 12 months
Type of work preferred
Main reason for not actively looking for work
All reasons for not actively looking for work

Previous 12 months details

Whether looked for work Main activity

Other

Summary variable (characteristics of those with/without marginal attachment to the labour force)

Marginal attachment summary variable

Age of children

Reason not available to start work within four weeks

6222.0 Job search experience of unemployed persons

Publication Job search experience of unemployed persons, Australia (6222.0)

Annual: latest issue June 1991 (released 9/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to unemployed persons excluding those who were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4) Educational attainment Main field of study

Details of job search experience

Whether looking for full-time or part-time work
Duration of current period of unemployment
All active steps taken to find work
Active steps taken to find work
Whether would move interstate if offered a suitable job
Whether would move intrastate if offered a suitable job
Number of offers of employment
All difficulties in finding work
Main difficulty in finding work
Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months
Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months

Details of unemployed persons

Whether had worked full time
Industry of last full-time job
Occupation of last full-time job
Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job
Duration of last full-time job
Reason for ceasing last full-time job
Status of worker in last full-time job

Families, LF status & other characteristics of 6224.0

Publication Labour force status and other characteristics of families. Australia (6224.0)

Annual; latest issue June 1991 (released 9/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Family

Type of family (married-couple, one-parent, other)
Number of dependents present
Labour force status of family members, including husband, wife or family head
Number of family members aged 0-4, 5-9 or 10-14, or of any age Family status of the civilian population aged 15 and over

Unemployed

Unemployment rate
Duration of unemployment of husband/wife (married-couple families) or parent (one-parent families)

Employed

Full-time/part-time status of parents Weekly hours worked

6227.0 Transition from education to work

Publication Transition from education to work, Australia (6227.0)

Annual; latest issue May 1991 (released 12/91)

Scope

All persons aged 15 to 64 (excluding persons permanently unable to work and usual exclusions from the Labour Force Survey).

* Apprentices population is further restricted to employed persons aged 15 to

34.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4) Industry/Occupation Whether had worked full-time Industry/Occupation of last full-time job

Year last attended an educational institution full-time

Educational attainment

Main field of study - Degree or higher

- Trade qualification

- Certificate or diploma

Year obtained highest post-school qualification

Type of school last attended (government/non-government - only persons 15 to 24 years)

Study arrangements in previous year

Whether attended an educational institution;

Type of educational institution attended

Type of attendance

Level of course attended

Current study arrangements

Whether attending an educational institution;

Type of educational institution attending

Type of attendance

Level of course attending

Type of school attending (government/non-government - only persons 15 to 20 years)

Current and previous year study arrangements

Whether attending same type of educational institution as attended in previous year

Leavers (Persons who attended an educational institution full-time in the previous year and are not attending full-time currently)

Age at time of leaving full-time education

Time of leaving full-time education

Current study arrangements - Type of educational institution

- Level of course

Apprentices*

Apprenticeship status;

Year of apprenticeship

Field of trade

Sector (public/private)

Labour force status & educational attainment 6235.0

Publication Labour force status and educational attainment, Australia (6235.0)

Annual; latest issue February 1991 (released 9/91)

Scope

All persons aged 15 to 69 (excluding visitors to private dwellings and usual exclusions from the Labour Force Survey).

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)

Full-time/part-time status

Industry/Occupation

Industry/Occupation of last full-time job

Educational attainment

Main field of study - Degree

- Trade qualification/apprenticeship

- Certificate or diploma

Country obtained highest post-school qualification

Year obtained highest post-school qualification

Asked of 15 to 25 year olds only

Whether attended an educational institution last year; Type of educational institution attended Whether attended full-year or part-year Student status (full-time/part-time) Publication Retirement & retirement intentions, Australia (6238.0)

Triennial; latest issue November 1989.

Scope

Same as the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons aged 45 and over (excluding persons permanently unable to work, some patients in hospitals & sanatoriums, and inmates of reformatories, gaols etc).

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)
Whether had retired or intended to retire from full-time work

Retirement data items

Age at retirement

Labour force status and hours worked in the reference week

Whether looked for a full-time job since ceasing last full-time job

Reason for ceasing last full-time job

Whether retired before had wanted to because had reached compulsory retirement age

Status of worker in last full-time job

Occupation in last full-time job and industry of last full-time job

Retirement scheme membership

Type of payment from retirement scheme

Disbursement of lump sum payment from retirement scheme

Lump sum payment from superannuation

Main source of income at retirement from full-time work

Main source of income at the time of the survey

Whether changed main source of income since retirement

Housing arrangements at retirement

Housing arrangements at the time of the survey

Whether changed housing arrangements since retirement

Time since retirement

Whether retired early

Reason retired early

Retirement intentions data items

Labour force status and full-time/part-time status

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)

Occupation and industry

Whether had retired or intended to retire from full-time work

Age intended to retire and expected time until retirement

Expected main source of income at retirement

Retirement scheme membership

Expected type of payment from retirement scheme

Intended disbursement of lump sum payment from retirement scheme

Housing arrangements at the time of the survey

Expected housing arrangements at retirement

Whether intended to change housing arrangements before retirement

Whether intended to retire early

Reason intended to retire early

Whether intended to work part-time after retirement

Career paths of persons with trade qualifications 6243.0

Publication Career paths of persons with trade qualifications, Australia (6243.0)

Irregular; latest issue 1989 (released 8/90)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons aged 15 to 64. Persons who were permanently unable to work, boarding school pupils not resident in households, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc and persons aged 15 to 20 years still at school have also been excluded.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)
Age of youngest child
Educational attainment
Main field of study
Year completed
Where qualification obtained

Current job

Employment status (working in the trade/not working in the trade/unemployed)

Full-time or part-time workers

Labour force status and full-time or part-time workers

Status of worker (wage & salary earner/employer/self-employed/unpaid family helper)

Industry

Occupation

Hours worked last week

Sector (public/private)

Whether permanent or casual employee with main period employer

Usual weekly earnings

Frequency of use of trade skills

Trade qualifications

How/where trade qualifications obtained Year qualified Field of trade qualification

Career path

Whether worked in trade

Whether currently working in the trade

Field of trade in which first worked

Year last left trade/main reason last left trade

Whether had any break from trade/number of breaks

Time in trade/time in trade before first break

Length of first break from trade/main reason for first break from trade

Main reason returned to trade

Main factor that would enable a return to trade

Main reason never worked in trade in Australia

Whether looking for work in trade

Trade status

6245.0 Successful & unsuccessful job search experience

Publication Successful & unsuccessful job search experience, Australia (6245.0)

Biennial; latest issue July 1990 (released 5/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it excluded students boarding at school, patients in hospitals & sanatoriums & inmates of reformatories, gaols etc.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)
Labour force status and full-time/part-time status
Educational attainment
Main field of study

Details of successful job search experience

Method of job attainment
Role of CES in job attainment
Whether out of work prior to starting job
Number of jobs started in the last twelve months
Time of starting job
Duration of looking for work before being offered job
Occupation in job when started
Full-time /part-time status of job when started
Whether job started was in preferred occupation
Whether first job ever held

Details of unsuccessful job search experience

Occupation that would have been preferred

All steps taken to find work in preferred occupation in the previous twelve months
Active steps taken to find work in preferred occupation in the previous twelve months
Whether looked for full-time or part-time work in the previous twelve months
Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months
Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months
Occupation of job being sought

All steps taken to find work in occupation being sought in the previous twelve months Active steps taken to find work in occupation being sought in the previous twelve months

Migrants, LF status & other characteristics of 6250.0

Publication Labour force status & other characteristics of migrants, Australia (6250.0)

Irregular; latest issue September 1990 (released 3/91).

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons who were not born in Australia and who arrived in Australia after 1970 aged 18 or more and were allowed to stay permanently.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Before migration details

Whether had a job
Whether worked full-time
Occupation
Whether had family in Australia
All family in Australia

Migration details

Migrant summary variable (born in/out Australia; permanent/temporary resident, arrival period)

Country of last residence

Relationship of country of last residence to country of birth

Educational attainment on arrival

Migration category (principal applicant, refugee, sponsored)

Family who arrived with migrant
All family who arrived with migrant

Age on arrival

Current details

Labour force status and full-time/part-time status
Labour force status and status of worker
Occupation
Main source of income
Main source of income and government pensions/benefits received

Other

Whether occupation before migration was the same as occupation at survey date Highest qualification gained since arrival

6264.0 Persons who had re-entered the labour force

Publication Persons who had re-entered the labour force, Australia (6264.0)

Triennial; latest issue May 1990 (released 10/90).

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons who had entered or re-entered the labour force in the last twelve months.

Data items

Current details

Standard labour force items (see page 4)
Educational attainment
Full-time / part-time status
Occupation
Industry
Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)
Usual gross weekly pay

Labour force activities

Summary of labour force activity and whether had re-entered the labour force Whether working or looking for work Whether looking for full-time or part-time work

During last 12 months

All steps taken to find work Active steps taken to find work All difficulties in finding work Main difficulty in finding work

In previous job

Time in previous job
Full-time / part-time status in previous job
Occupation in previous job
Status of worker in previous job
Reason for ceasing previous job
Educational attainment when ceased previous job

Since previous job

Time since previous job
Time spent out of the labour force since previous job
Main activity while out of the labour force since previous job
Highest educational qualification gained since previous job

Other past activities

Whether worked at some earlier time Whether worked continuously for at least 12 months at some earlier time Main activity before working

Other

Main reason for wanting to work again Method of job attainment

Publication Underemployed workers, Australia (6265.0)

Triennial; latest issue May 1991 (released 12/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to underemployed persons.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4) Educational attainment

Current job details

Occupation

Industry

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper)

Number of hours worked in reference week

Usual number of hours worked

Full-time / part-time status

Details of underemployment status

Underemployment status

Whether fully employed or underemployed

Type of underemployment

Part-time underemployment status

Duration of current period of underemployment

All steps taken to find work during current period of underemployment

Whether registered with the CES

Main difficulty in finding work

Other

Whether would move interstate if offered a suitable job

Whether would move intrastate if offered a suitable job

Whether would prefer to change occupation

Whether would prefer to change employer to work more hours

Quantum of underemployment since previous job

Preferred total number of hours

Preferred number of extra hours

6267.0

Publication Persons who have left the labour force, Australia (6267.0)

Triennial; latest issue April 1991 (released 11/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons who have left the labour force in the last twelve months and excluded students who were boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4) Educational attainment Housing arrangements

Previous job

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper) Full-time / part-time status Occupation Industry Usual gross weekly pay Maternity leave status Reason for ceasing last job

Not in the labour force

Main activity since leaving the labour force Time since left the labour force Main source of income

Intentions to return to the labour force

Whether intended to return to the labour force Anticipated time until re-entry into the labour force Whether preferred full-time or part-time status upon return Whether preferred same occupation upon return

Other

Duration of continuous period in the labour force Whether looked for full-time of part-time work before leaving the labour force Reason ceased looking or unavailable for work Last labour force activity

Participation in education

Publication *Participation in education, Australia* (6272.0)

(formerly Labour force status and educational attendance, Australia (6272.0)

Annual; latest issue September 1991 (released 3/92)

Scope

All persons aged 15 to 24 (excluding persons permanently unable to work and

usual exclusions from the Labour Force Survey).

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Labour force status

Type of employment

Duration of unemployment

Whether had worked full-time

Whether looking for full-time or part-time work

Whether attending an educational institution

Type of educational institution attending

Whether attending school

Type of school attending (government/non-government)

Type of attendance

Level of course

Type of school last attended (government/non-government)

Year left school

Persons employed at home

Publication Persons Employed at Home, Australia (6275.0)

Triennial; latest issue April 1989 (released 8/89).

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons employed at home.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4) Educational attainment Whether children aged 0 to 14 present Industry Occupation

Work arrangements

General

Status of worker (wage and salary earner/employer/self employed/unpaid family helper) Whether permanent or casual

Number of hours usually worked

Usual gross weekly pay.

Basis of payment

Superannuation coverage

Worker's compensation coverage

Trade union membership

Provision of sick leave

Provision of paid holiday leave

Working at home

Whether employed at home

Whether job worked at home was main job

Whether all hours usually worked at home

Number of hours usually worked at home

Main reason began working at home

Time in job worked at home

Similar previous work experience

Whether doing same type of work at home for other employers

Publication Career paths of qualified nurses, Australia (6277.0)

Irregular; latest issue March - July 1989 (released 4/90)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons aged 15 to 64. Persons who were permanently unable to work, boarding school pupils not resident in households, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc. and persons aged 15 to 20 years still at school have also been excluded.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)
Age of youngest child
Educational attainment
Main field of study
Year completed
Where qualification obtained

Current job

Labour force status and full-time or part-time workers

Employment status (working in nursing/not working in nursing/unemployed)

Status of worker (wage & salary earner/employer/self-employed/unpaid family helper)

Full-time or part-time workers

Industry/Occupation

Hours usually worked in nursing

Hours worked last week

Sector (public/private)

Location of nursing job(s)

Whether permanent or casual employee in job with main period employer

Usual weekly earnings

Nursing qualifications

Where basic nursing qualification obtained

Whether ever registered as a registered nurse/type of nurse registration

Registered nurse summary

Year first registered as a registered nurse

Field of basic nursing qualification

Whether ever registered as an enrolled nurse

Enrolled nurse summary

Year first registered as an enrolled nurse

Main reason never registered

Career path

Whether worked in nursing

Year last left nursing/main reason last left nursing

Whether consider returning to nursing/main factor that would enable a return to nursing

Whether had any break from nursing/number of breaks from nursing

Time in nursing/time in nursing before first break

Whether intended to leave or have a break from nursing in the next six months

Length of first break from nursing/main reason for first break from nursing

Main reason returned to nursing

Main reason never worked in nursing in Australia

Whether looking for work in nursing

Main field of most recent nursing position held

How workers get their training

Publication How workers get their training, Australia (6278.0)

Irregular; latest issue 1989 (released 7/90).

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons aged 15 to 64 who had worked as wage or salary earners in the last 12 months. Persons who were permanently unable to work, boarding school pupils not resident in households, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc and persons aged 15 to 20 years still at school have also been excluded.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Main period employer

Duration of continuous employment with main period employer

Industry

Occupation of job with main period employer

Duration of continuous employment with main period employer during the last twelve months

Hours usually worked with main period employer

Sector (public/private)

Whether began job with main period employer during the last twelve months

Full-time or part-time workers with main period employer

Whether permanent or casual employee in job with main period employer

Usual weekly earnings

Number of employers in the last twelve months

Whether currently working with main period employer

Size of location in job with main period employer (number of employees)

Study for educational qualifications

Level of qualification studied in 1988

Main field of first qualification studied in 1988

Educational institution at which enrolled for first qualification studied in 1988

Full-time/part-time study status for first qualification studied in 1988

Employer support for first qualification studied in 1988

Who recommended study attendance for first qualification studied in 1988

Educational attainment

Level of educational attainment

Employer support for highest educational qualification obtained

Qualification required to obtain main period job

Level of educational qualification required to obtain job with main period employer Employer support for study to obtain the required educational qualification

Continued

In-house training courses (persons)

Number of in-house training courses attended in the last twelve months
Main type of in-house training course attended in the last twelve months
Total time spent on in-house training courses in the last twelve months
Time spent on main in-house training course attended in the last twelve months
Structure of main in-house training course attended in the last twelve months
Whether main in-house training course was for retraining
Whether did main in-house training course to help obtain a promotion
Whether skills gained through main in-house training course transferable to another employer
Summary of whether in-house training courses required to obtain job with main period
employer

In-house training courses (courses)

Types of in-house training courses attended in the last twelve months
Time spent on in-house training courses attended in the last twelve months
Structure of in-house training courses attended in the last twelve months
Whether in-house training courses was for retraining
Whether did in-house training courses to help obtain a promotion
Whether skills gained through in-house training courses transferable to another employer

External training courses (persons)

Number of external training courses attended in the last twelve months

Main type of external training course attended in the last twelve months

Main type of external training course attended in the last twelve months while working

Time spent on main external training course attended in the last twelve months

Structure of main external training course attended in the last twelve months

Whether main external training course attended while working was for retraining

Whether did main external training course while working to help obtain a promotion

Whether skills gained through main external training course attended while working

transferable to another employer

Summary of whether external training courses required to obtain job with main period employer

Employer support for main external training course attended while working Summary of employer support for external training courses attended while working

Provider of main external training course

Total time spent on external training courses attended in the last twelve months while working

External training courses (course places)

Types of external training courses attended in the last twelve months Time spent on main external training course attended in the last twelve months

Training courses - in-house and external (persons)

Categories of training undertaken in the last twelve months

6310.0 Weekly earnings of employees (distribution)

Publication Weekly earnings of employees (distribution), Australia (6310.0)

Annual; latest issue July 1991 (released 12/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons who were employed wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main job excluding persons on workers' compensation and persons who worked solely for payment in kind. The survey also excluded persons who worked without pay in a family business and unpaid voluntary workers.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Main job details

Weekly earnings
Occupation
Industry
Hours worked
Hours paid
Frequency of pay
Full-time/part-time status
Sector (public/private)
Permanent or casual
Size of location (number of employees)

Second job details

Weekly earnings Hours worked

All job details

Weekly earnings Hours worked Full-time/part-time status Publication Annual and long-service leave taken, Australia (6317.0)

Irregular; latest issue May 1988 - April 1989 (released 4/90)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except it was restricted to persons who were reported as having worked as wage and salary earners at any time in the last twelve months and, for long-service leave who were aged 25 to 65, and excluded some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)
Industry of main job
Occupation of main job
Hours worked last week in main job
Full-time and part-time status in main job
Duration of main job
Hours worked last week in all jobs
Full-time and part-time status in all jobs

Details of all leave taken

Annual and/or long-service leave total weeks taken in each month Number of weeks of annual and/or long-service leave taken Month annual and/or long-service leave taken Number of weeks of uninterrupted leave in December previous year and January current year Leave status

Details of annual leave

Annual leave total weeks taken in each month Number of weeks of annual leave taken Month annual leave taken

Details of long service leave

Long-service leave total weeks taken in each month Number of weeks of long-service leave taken Month long-service leave taken

Superannuation

Publication Superannuation, Australia (6319.0)

Triennial; latest issue November 1991 (released 5/92)

Scope

Same as for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons aged 15 to 74 excluding some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. and persons aged 15 to 20 still at school.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Details of current job

Industry
Occupation
Sector
Full-time or part-time status
Time in current job
Number of hours usually worked in current job
Whether permanent or casual employee in current job
Trade union membership
Usual gross weekly pay in current job
Proportion of earnings paid as own contribution to superannuation scheme
Provider of superannuation scheme and whether membership optional

Details of superannuation scheme coverage

Whether covered by a superannuation superannuation scheme Whether covered by more than one superannuation scheme Own weekly contributions to superannuation scheme Time in superannuation scheme Reason had not joined a superannuation scheme

Details of retirement expectations

Age intended to cease full-time work and expected time until ceases full-time work Expected type of payment from superannuation scheme Intended disbursement of lump sum payment from superannuation scheme Expected main source of income after ceasing full-time work Expected main source of income just after retirement age

Details of previous superannation scheme

Whether previously covered by a superannuation scheme
Time in previous superannuation scheme
Whether preserved some benefits from previous superannuation scheme
Expected type of payment from preserved benefits
Intended disbursement of lump sum payment from preserved benefits

Publication Trade union members, Australia (6325.0)

Biennial; latest issue August 1990 (released 12/90)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except it was restricted to persons who were aged 15 and over and employed as wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main jobs excluding persons on workers' compensation and persons who worked solely for payment in kind.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Main job details

Occupation
Industry
Full-time/part-time status
Member of a trade union
Hours worked
Sector (public/private)
Weekly earnings
Permanent or casual
Size of location (number of employees)

Benefits details

Number of benefits
Number of benefits (excluding sick, annual and long-service leave)
Type of benefit
Superannuation coverage
Source of superannuation coverage
Study as a condition of employment

Employment benefits

Publication Employment benefits, Australia (6334.0

Annual; latest issue July 1991 (released 12/91)

Scope

Same as that used for the labour force survey except that it was restricted to persons who were employed wage and salary earners ('employees') in their main job excluding persons on workers' compensation and persons who worked solely for payment in kind. The survey also excluded persons who worked without pay in a family business, and unpaid voluntary workers.

Data items

Standard labour force items (see page 4)

Main job details

Occupation
Industry
Full-time/part-time status
Permanent or casual
Hours worked
Sector (public/private)
Weekly earnings
Size of location (number of employees)

All jobs details

Full-time/part-time status Hours worked Weekly earnings

Benefits details

Type of benefit

Number of standard benefits received (i.e. holiday, sick, long-service leave and superannuation)

Number of special benefits (excludes holiday, sick, long-service leave and superannuation)

Type of housing benefit (entitlement, subsidy, allowance)

Type of telephone benefit (calls, rent paid or subsidised)

Type of transport benefit (vehicle, expenses)

Type of study benefit

Provision of sick leave

Provision of paid holiday leave

Provision of long-service leave

Source of holiday expenses benefit

Source of finance benefit

Source of goods benefit

Source of superannuation coverage

Superannuation coverage

Amount of paid holiday leave (weeks)

Ability to accrue holiday leave

Purpose of finance benefit

Study as a condition of employment

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